

Juvenile Justice Coordinating Council (JJCC) - SB823 Subcommittee Meeting
November 17th, 2022, 1:30pm
Juvenile Division- 1810 Market St, Redding, CA
Meeting Minutes

Members	Agency	Present	Absent
Tracie Neal	Shasta County Probation	X	
Ben Hanna	District Attorney's Office	X	
Kathryn Barton	Public Defender's Office	X	
Cindy Lane	HHSA/Social Services		X
Laura Stapp	HHSA/Mental Health	X	
Carrie Webb	Shasta County Office of Education	X	
Lisa Jenkins	Shasta County Superior Court	X	
Michael Burke	Pathways to Hope	X	
Cindy Vogt	California Heritage Youth Build Academy	X	
Valery Hartley	Shasta Independent Living Program (ILP)		X
Attendees	Agency		
Chelsey Chappelle	Shasta County Probation	X	
Daren Fisher	Shasta County Probation	X	
Carla Stevens	Shasta County Probation	X	
Jeremy Kenyon	Shasta County Probation	X	
Angel Marshall	Shasta County Probation	X	
Twyla Carpenter	Shasta County Probation	X	
Dennis Hoerning	Shasta County Probation	X	
Angel Garcia	Office of Youth and Community Restoration	X	
Jenn Rossi	Shasta County Administrative Office	X	
Danielle Gehrung	Geo Reentry Services Shasta Day Reporting Center	X	

Meeting Overview

The meeting was called to order at 1:30 pm. A quorum was present. Introductions were made.

Public Comment

Angel Garcia introduced herself as Shasta County's Regional Specialist at the Office of Youth and Community Restoration under the Health and Human Services Agency. Their office was created under SB823 and has about 14 employees.

Angel shared they have utilized listening sessions in the community to see what ideas were out there for 20 million dollars in funding. Some of the ideas they are looking at are community-based organization capacity building, Vera's Institute pilot project toward ending the incarceration of girls, funding to facilitate CalAIM implementation, pilot projects regarding community based alternatives to incarceration, grants to tribal nations and to counties with substantial tribal youth populations to

develop tribal partnerships and diversions, stepdown, programing, training and technical assistance with CPOC collaboration for rural county support, universal basic income for a juvenile justice exiting detention pilot project across several counties to measure impact on youth outcomes, and grant application assistance for rural counties who do not have that knowledge and support.

Approval of Meeting Minutes

Cindy Vogt moved to approve the meeting minutes for August 11th, 2022. Kathryn Barton seconded the motion. Motion passed: 8 Ayes, 0 Noes, 0 Abstentions.

Financial Report

There was no financial report.

Discussion Items

- A. *Subcommittee members will discuss the current DJJ population, parole, and returning youth.*

Tracie Neal shared there was a smaller meeting with justice partners, the mental health provider, as well as Shasta Community Health Center and SCOE to talk about the youth who are currently at DJJ and those youth expecting to return to Shasta County. There were conversations regarding the three youth who are expected to return to the JRF and plans for those youth. Tracie then turned it over to Jeremy Kenyon to speak about the current population. Jeremy Kenyon spoke about the five Shasta County youth still at DJJ. Jeremy said two of these youth have Parole hearings in December 2022, one of which they are recommending discharge. This youth should return to Shasta County on Parole which his staff will oversee. Another youth has a Parole hearing prior to the closure of DJJ and this youth is also expected to Parole as well. We are looking at three youth returning to the JRF and having to be resentenced. One youth had returned from DJJ on Parole discharged and is moving to another state. Another youth has completed his STRTP and is also doing well. Jeremy asked Angel Marshall to provide additional details on this youth.

Jeremy Kenyon spoke about another youth who has returned to Shasta County from DJJ. This youth is having behavior issues and struggles to follow rules in the JRF. The youth is serving a long sentence, so there is little intrinsic motivation and it is difficult for the youth to look forward to the future. This youth is on a special program and JRF staff are working with him daily.

Tracie asked for an update on the three youth who will be returning. Angel said one youth is doing exceptionally well and is scheduled to complete treatment prior to returning. This youth has a plan for where he would like to live when he is released, has jobs lined up, and he is currently taking classes through San Francisco City College. This youth has not had any

behavioral write ups. The two other youth who will transition back from DJJ to Shasta County are struggling at DJJ. Probation, Mental Health and other agencies meet with DJJ for case conferencing for these youth to help gauge their needs so we can provide the most beneficial services.

B. Subcommittee Members will discuss the Secure Track Treatment Program (STTP) and youth in the program.

Carla Stevens shared that there is one youth participating in the STTP program. Carla said this youth was doing very well prior to being committed to the program and was at an honors level. Once committed to the STTP program, the youth seemed to have lost hope. Carla reports the staff spent many hours with this youth and have made a breakthrough. The youth has had a positive shift in his mentality this month and their current goal is to allow the youth to have hope for the future. The youth has been placed with other youth who will assist in the youth's success. Carrie Webb added that she will be speaking to the STTP youth regarding not getting his GED and completing high school as he is fully capable.

Tracie and Jeremy also discussed another youth as well who is in the transfer hearing process.

C. Subcommittee Members will receive an update on Shasta County's Youth Program Facilities Grant Program and Juvenile Facility Grant (A 178).

Tracie Neal shared the \$167,000 from the Youth Program Facilities Grant Program went to updating and expanding the JRF's security system, installing a food port in the safety cell, vocational program supplies, and partnering with SCOE on Edovo Tables. Also, Shasta County hosted the Core Correctional Practice Training. Tracie said Probation is working on Crisis Prevention Mandt Training and updating JRF radios for the security system piece.

Chelsey Chappelle shared Shasta County has billed \$1,401 to the grant, but Shasta County has spent more than that. The bill for the rest of the food port will go toward the grant next quarter and that will be \$8,041, CCP training will be billed at \$11,750, and the Edovo agreement, is very close to being completed. Mandt training is also in the works and the camera system will be billed in the future as World Telecom has to work with another agency to build the program. Shasta County has until June 2024 to spend this grant money.

Tracie also shared that Shasta County will get the Juvenile Facility Grant, which is about 1.2 million dollars. The focus for the entirety of this grant is to work with Public Works and Facilities to expand the west recreation yard and build a large facility with three vocational classrooms and install outdoor athletic exercise equipment.

D. Subcommittee Members will discuss vocational and educational programs in the JRF, and next steps.

Tracie Neal shared about partnering with SCOE to bring in an additional staff member for secondary and vocational training. Tracie shared thoughts such as, bicycle repair, woodworking, computer tech, podcasts, and mixed media. Tracie asked for suggestions from the committee on where to focus vocational efforts.

Cindy Vogt asked if tech and computers were more focused on programming/coding as it is something popular right now, which would not take up a lot of physical space. Carrie explained it is more of a focus on design.

Carrie Webb shared that they might be looking at an entrepreneurial line as an introduction to business and marketing. This would be more of a Makerspace model. The youth could also utilize cameras and make advertising as part of their business.

Group Suggestions: Web design, culinary arts for commercial kitchens, fine art/pottery with a storefront and coffee shop, industrial sewing, electrical, plumbing, construction/work with Shasta Builders Exchange.

Daniel Gehrung asked if youth surveys have been done to gauge interest? Tracie said Jill Haskett at Probation can do a youth survey.

Tracie thanked the group for all the great ideas. Tracie shared they are building on the current art program to do some murals on the walls in the JRF.

Cindy Vogt mentioned having someone in a profession of interest come in and speak to the youth as they do at CHYBA. Chelsey Chappelle said we do have some of that currently, but this is a good idea as we explore these programs. Tracie mentioned linking in some volunteers. Cindy Vogt shared about CHYBA partnering with Nepris to connect teachers and students with career professionals virtually.

E. Subcommittee Members will discuss transitional housing.

Tracie Neal spoke about the difficulties in placing Probation's youth in transitional housing, whether they are graduating from Rivers Edge Academy, STRTP, DDJ youth who are being paroled, or youth who cannot be housed in regular transitional housing due to other reasons.

Tracie would like to partner and pull some of our resources together because this is not something that draws a lot of interest.

Laura Stapp spoke about legislation and the housing component. Laura said we are already looking at how to utilize this for our persistently mentally ill population, so what we need to do is look at this for our juveniles and young adults as well. She would like to keep looking further into our resources as there is a huge gap, we need to continue to look at it and talking about it to bridge that gap. Tracie asked if this would be county run. Laura said this is something she is passing around right now and looking at with the funding we already have designated to housing projects due to mandates in place and the fines the county could incur if we don't meet those mandates. Laura wants to get out in front of this as a county.

Kathryn Barton asked about the No Boundaries Transitional Housing through the City of Redding. Laura Stapp said the county has some clients that live there as well, but the oversight isn't there and some of the population is newly sober so this wouldn't be a good fit for our youth.

Michael Burke asked about Hill Country's Hope Housing complex. Tracie said the Probation population is not a good fit for this housing complex and there have been issues in the past when trying to utilize this option.

Jeremy Kenyon shared a little more about the barriers the Probation youth face as they go into transitional housing with the lack of skills due to not only their age, but also their life experiences. Jeremy said Probation really needs a mentor home for this population. Chelsey Chappelle spoke more in depth about this and said the youth need a coach or mentor, a sounding board to guide them while allowing their independence. She also shared the challenge of not knowing when housing will be needed because each youth progresses at their own pace.

There was also additional conversation regarding transitional housing through the foster care system. Tracie said she would like to continue these housing discussions.

Action Items

- A. *Subcommittee members will review, discuss, and consider approving updates to the Shasta County Probation Department Secure Track Treatment Program (STTP) Division of Juvenile Justice (DJJ) Realignment Plan or provide further direction to staff.*

Tracie Neal reviewed the changes to the DJJ Realignment Plan and asked what other edits might be needed. There was some discussion on further review, updates and changes.

Cindy Vogt formally moved to approve the document with the updates mentioned to the Shasta County Probation Department Secure Track Treatment Program (STTP) Division of Juvenile Justice (DJJ) Realignment Plan. Laura Stapp seconded the motion. Motion passed: 8 Ayes, 0 Noes, 0 Abstentions.

Other Items for Discussion/Future Agenda Items

Tracie Neal asked for other items for discussion or further agenda items.

Next Scheduled Meeting

March 2nd, 2023, at 1:30 p.m.

Individual Comments from Subcommittee Members

Cindy Vogt shared CHYBA is having a family resource night and some community agencies will be on hand to talk about resources that are available to the youth and their families, with everyone from CalFresh to the Smart Center scheduled to be there. Cindy will send a flyer to Twyla Carpenter for distribution.

Michael Burke shared there is a Hope Navigator training with Chan Hellman on the 13th and 14th and Michael would encourage anyone who wants to learn more about hope theory to attend. It is a two-day 12-hour training. There is a cost, \$300.00 per person, or \$250.00 for a group of 5 or more. Michael said the free training is almost full for the Hope Summit.

Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned at 2:51 pm.